

I would like to see the state government work harder to control costs and cut spending. State workers get raises, cost of living increases, longevity bonuses. I work at a hospital, one of the hospitals that will not be able to join the for-profit organization that we were to be acquired by when that deal fell apart due to onerous state requirements. Raises have become non-existent. Hours were cut back in the past with more work and jobs vacancies not being filled. Our cost of healthcare insurance continues to increase but covers less requiring more out-of-pocket costs. Taxes go up every year on everything and my salary continues to go down. If residents have to budget accordingly, the state must make real and concerted efforts to do the same. Hardworking taxpayers have shouldered the burden for too long! There is little left to give.

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